

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to an information processing apparatus and method, a recording medium, and a program for allowing items in usage conditions set for digital content to be easily added, deleted, and replaced. A data acquisition section 91 requests a content distribution apparatus to supply digital content, and outputs to a data storage section 95 the digital content and usage-condition information corresponding thereto supplied in response to this request. Furthermore, in response to a request from a usage-condition determination section 93, the data acquisition section 91 makes a request to the content distribution apparatus for a usage-condition plug-in module 94. From among a plurality of usage-condition plug-in modules 94, the usage-condition determination section 93 starts up only usage-condition plug-in modules 94 corresponding to the items in the usage conditions, and informs a playback section 92 of the result of a determination as to whether the items in the usage conditions are satisfied. The playback section 92 plays back the digital content according to the determination result.